

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

From

THE STATE OF MONTANA, DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Regarding

SITE SELECTION FOR THE EASTERN MONTANA ENTERPRISE SYSTEMS SERVICES CENTER

The Information Technology Services Division of the Montana Department of Administration (“the Department”) will hold public meetings, at the places and times identified below, to solicit public comment regarding siting of the Enterprise Systems Services Center to be built in Eastern Montana. You may provide written comment in this matter by mailing your comments to ESSC Site Comments, DoA/Information Technology Services Division, P.O. Box 200113, Helena, MT, 59620, or by emailing your comments to ESSCSiteComments@MT.GOV. Written comments must be received or postmarked no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 18, 2008. If you are unable to attend a public meeting or to provide written comments, you may express your views in this matter by calling the Department at (406) 444-0682 by the above time and date to record your comments.

Proposal

The proposed Eastern Montana Enterprise Systems Services Center (“ESSC”) is a facility authorized by the Montana Legislature to provide an alternative storage and operations center for the State of Montana’s primary ESSC located in Helena. An alternative storage and operations site is necessary to store and safeguard information, to provide state government with redundant information services facilities, and to provide the Helena ESSC with additional operational capacity.

The Department will select among the following proposed sites for the ESSC: Billings, Montana; Forsyth, Montana; and Miles City, Montana.

Siting Criteria

To make the decision regarding an appropriate site for the ESSC, the Department will compare the proposed sites in six categories:

Real Property: An assessment of the physical qualities of the site and community, including, but not limited to: location in a flood plain; accessibility by road and air; workforce readiness in the community; and availability of training resources in the community.

Security: An assessment of the security and disaster risk attributes of the site and the effort reasonably necessary to remediate those risks.

Infrastructure: An assessment of the existing infrastructure to ensure availability of telecommunications and electrical power services.

Capital Cost: An assessment of the overall cost in terms of “up-front investment” to site the ESSC in each community.

Recurring Costs: An assessment of the on-going costs of operating the ESSC in each community, including, but not limited to, the on-going cost of communications circuits.

Economic Development: An assessment of the value to the community and the State derived from siting the ESSC in each community, including, but not necessarily limited to, enhancing state infrastructure, job creation in the community, and providing a technical “anchor tenant” in the community that might attract other similar businesses to the community.

Public Meeting Locations:

Forsyth, Montana

A Public meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 8, 2008, in the Huago Center (also known as the Riverview Villa Office), 475 Rosebud St., Forsyth. The public meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m. and will end at 7:00 p.m. If you require assistance or accommodation for a disability, please call Louise Sturm at (406) 444-2926 by 5:00 p.m. on January 7th.

Miles City, Montana

A Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 9, 2008, in Room 106 Miles City Community College, 275 Dickinson, Miles City. The public meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m. and will end at 7:00 p.m. If you require assistance or accommodation for a disability, please call Louise Sturm at (406) 444-2926 by 5:00 p.m. on January 8th.

Billings, Montana

A Public meeting will be held on Thursday, January 10, 2008, in the Yellowstone Room (First Floor) Granite Building, 222 N. 32nd Street, Billings. The public meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m. and will end at 7:00 p.m. If you require assistance or accommodation for a disability, please call Louise Sturm at (406) 444-2926 by 5:00 p.m. on January 9th.